[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

(e) Yes. There are three applications from Muslim graduates but none of them possesses the requisite qualifications.

Special Mahomedan Schools.

358. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(a) how many special Mahomedan schools there are among the Vernacular Schools of the State ;

(b) how many of them are boys' schools and how many girls' schools ;

(c) whether the number of Muslim girls' schools was increasing or decreasing during the last five years :

(d) if it is decreasing, the reason for it;

(e) whether there are proposals to open new Muslim girls' schools in the State ;

(f) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, what departmental action has been taken on these proposals ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (a) 80.

(b) 70 boys' schools and 10 girls' schools.

(c) The number has remained the same.

(d) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (c).

(e) Yes.

(f) The matter is under correspondence.

Control over the Muslim Schools.

359. * MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) in which officer the controlling power of the Muslim Vernacular Primary Schools is vested ;

(b) whether the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools is exercising power of administrative control over Muslim Vernacular Primary Schools and Muslim Vernacular Middle Schools ;

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction propose to invest him with controlling power over all the Muslim Schools or over all the Muslim Girls' Schools at least, with the introduction of the educational reforms in the State ;

(d) if not, why ;

(e) whether the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools had ever been invested with the power of administrative control over Muslim Schools at least experimentally for any length of time ; and

(f) if not, why ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (a) The Inspector of Vernacular Schools as regards the boys' schools and the Inspectress of girls' schools as regards the girls' schools.

(b) No.

(c) No.

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